(e) Our High Commission in Colombo took up the matter immediately with the Sri Lankan Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Defence and the Defence Secretary and lodged a formal protest. High Commission officials also got in touch with concerned Defence and Police authorities for enhancing security arrangements for Indian commercial establishments.

Improvement of Calcutta Port

2781. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of work pertaining to improvement of Calcutta Port undertaken during the Seventh Plan period and the amount of expenditure incurred or in the process of incurring with comparative statement of work and expenditure undertaken during the same period for other major Ports in the country;

(b) the details of further works, procurement of modernised equipment that are planned along with amount of investment made during the Seventh Plan period for Calcutta Port with comparative details for other major Ports in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that full potentialities of Calcutta Port are not being presently exploited; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A list of important development schemes costing Rs. 5 crores and above already undertaken in Calcutta Port and other Major Ports during the Seventh Plan period and the likely expenditure during this Plan is given in Annexure. (See Appendix CLI, Annuxure No. 165)

(b) New Schemes proposed for Calcutta Port and other Major Ports costing Rs. 5 crores and above during the remaining period of the VII Plan are given in Annexure (See Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 166).

(c) and (d) Calcutta Port has limitations of draught but within these limitations the potential of the Port is being exploited.

Post of Rector in Banaras Hindu University

2782. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a post of a Rector in the Banaras Hindu University and whether the Rector officiates as the Vice-Chancellor in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) whether the present Vice-Chancellor has not taken any steps to fill this vacant post; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and steps being taken to fill this post at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir; Statute 3 of the Statutes of the Banaras Hindu University provides, inter-alia, that the Rector shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor. He shall assist the Vice-Chancellor in all matters and shall also exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be delegated to him by the Vice-Chancellor.

(b) and (c) The present Vice-Chancellor has not deemed it appropriate to make recommendations to

the Executive Council for the appointment of a Rector in the University. There is no proposal to fill this post at present.

Demand for extension of Children Educational Allowance to the Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas

2783. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Children education allowance to Central Government employees is admissible only upto Higher Secondary level;

(b) if so, what is the justification for not covering higher education;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association has demanded its extension to higher eduction; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Education allowance for Central Government employees has been fixed based on the recommendations of the fourth Central Pay Commission. The Commission had advised that at the present stage, it would be enough to provide education assistance upto the school level.

(c) and (d) No such representation is available on the records of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Disciplinary proceedings against the Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas of Silchar Region

2784. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas of Silchar Region against whom disciplinary proceedings have been contemplated/initiated; and

(b) what are the details of the changes against each of these Principals?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Disciplinary proceedings against two Principals of Silchar Region have been initiated/ contemplated for alleged offences of administrative lapses, harassment of subordinate staff, insub-ordination and financial irregularities.

Sanitary conditions in Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi/New Delhi

2785. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sanitary conditions in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi and New Delhi Areas are not congenial; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Sanitary conditions in Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi and New Delhi are generally satisfactory. However, further improvement of sanitary conditions is a continuing process.

Reservation of seats for the children of SC/ST and Ex-Servicemen for admission in Kendriya Vidyalaya

2786. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a reservation of seats for the child-